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ENP01FT008060 2/0/VCM/R315-70 SONGBIRD SPOT REPORT (AVC,AVN,ACB). VIETNAMESE
COMMUNISTS IN CAMBODIA DISCUSS DIPOSITION AND POSSIBLE EXECUTION OF AMERICAN
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ON 4 AND 5 JUNE VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST ELEMENTS IN CAMBODIA DISCUSSED THE CAPTURE OF THREE AMERICANS AND REPORTED THAT IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO EXECUTE THEM. ON 4 JUNE THE PROBABLE COMMO-LIAISON UNIT 5 LOCATED ON 5 JUNE IN NORTHERN PREY VENG PROVINCE AT WT673824 (11-36N 105-37E) REPORTED TO THE STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE BUREAU (SID), COSVN VIA THE POSSIBLE COMMO-LIAISON SECTION OF SID COSVN THAT 7 CAO OF ((VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST)) MR 2 HAS REQUESTED ME TO SEND ((HIS)) MESSAGES FOR MILITARY STAFFS AND STATED THAT THE UNIT WOULD ACT AS A RELAY POINT FOR MESSAGES BETWEEN 7 CAO AND THE STAFF. UNIT 5 THEN REPORTED THAT 7 CAO HAD ASKED TO TURN OVER TO THE UNIT THREE AMERICAN PRISONERS-OF-WAR, BUT \$I DID NOT DARE ACCEPT THEM BECAUSE I DID NOT HAVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOU.\$((1)) ON 5 JUNE 7 CAO SENT A MESSAGE TO THE MILITARY STAFF USING THE COMMUNICATIONS WHICH LINK THE UNIT WITH SID, COSVN. THE MESSAGE DISCUSSED DEVELOPMENTS BACK TO AT LEAST 9 MAY AND STATED IN PART, \$AT PRESENT WE HAVE THREE AMERICAN PRISONERS-OF-WAR, ONE OF WHICH IS A WOMAN. THEIR PAPERS VOUCH THAT THEY ARE JOURNALISTS, FOLLOWING THE III CORPS OPERATIONS. WE AMBUSHED AND CAPTURED THEM 5 KM WEST OF SVAY RIENG ((WT 875255, 11-05N 105-48E)) THEY COULD BE CIA OR PACIFICATION SPECIALISTS. ONE OF THEM SPEAKS FLUENT VIETNAMESE. WE DO NOT HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO EXPLOIT ((THEM)). ALL OF THE DOCUMENTS ARE LOST. ((SINCE)) THE ENEMY STRUCK WE HAVE BEEN MOVING CONTINUOUSLY. WE HAVE MOTIVATED THE MEN TO GUARD ((THE PRISONERS)) BUT IF THE SITUATION ((1 GR-G)) UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, WE WILL HAVE TO GIVE THE ORDER FOR ((THEIR)) EXECUTION.\$ 7 CAO THEN ASKED THAT THE MILITARY STAFF HELP HIM BY TAKING THE PRISONERS AND TRANSPORTING THEM TO COSVN.((2)) ACCORDING TO COLLATERAL, THREE AMERICAN JOURNALISTS (RICHARD DUDMAN OF THE ST. LOUIS POST DISPATCH, ELIZABETH POND OF THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, AND MICHAEL MFRROW OF THE DISPATCH NEWS SERVICE INTERNATIONAL) DISAPPEARED IN CAMBODIA ON OR ABOUT 7 OR 8 MAY. THEIR ABANDONED VEHICLE WAS FOUND ON 8 MAY 2-1/2 MILES FROM SVAY RIENG. ((1)) 2/0/VCM/T102-70, 061300Z ((2)) 2/G10/VCM/T121-70, 060720Z JUN 70; T122-70, 071005Z JUN 70; 3/0/VCM/R315-70 XXHH 350 NNNN

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